

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re:

FRANCHISE GROUP, INC., *et al.*,¹

Reorganized Debtors.

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) Chapter 11
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) Case No. 24-12480 (LSS)
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) (Jointly Administered)
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) **Obj. Deadline: July 24, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. (ET)**
) **Hearing Date: *Only if Objections are Filed***

NOTICE OF FEE APPLICATION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on July 3, 2025, Kirkland & Ellis LLP and Kirkland & Ellis International LLP (together, the “Applicant”) filed the *Third Monthly Fee Application of Kirkland & Ellis LLP and Kirkland & Ellis International LLP, Attorneys For the Debtors and Debtors in Possession, for the Period from April 1, 2025 Through and Including April 30, 2025* (the “Application”) with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the “Bankruptcy Court”). The Application seeks approval of fees in the amount of \$6,323,626.00 (80% of \$7,904,532.50) and reimbursement of expenses in the amount of \$25,079.77.

¹ The Reorganized Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of their U.S. federal tax identification numbers, to the extent applicable, are Franchise Group, Inc. (1876), Freedom VCM Holdings, LLC (1225), Freedom VCM Interco Holdings, Inc. (2436), Freedom Receivables II, LLC (4066), Freedom VCM Receivables, Inc. (0028), Freedom VCM Interco, Inc. (3661), Freedom VCM, Inc. (3091), Franchise Group New Holdco, LLC (0444), American Freight FFO, LLC (5743), Franchise Group Acquisition TM, LLC (3068), Franchise Group Intermediate Holdco, LLC (1587), Franchise Group Intermediate L, LLC (9486), Franchise Group Newco Intermediate AF, LLC (8288), American Freight Group, LLC (2066), American Freight Holdings, LLC (8271), American Freight, LLC (5940), American Freight Management Company, LLC (1215), Franchise Group Intermediate S, LLC (5408), Franchise Group Newco S, LLC (1814), American Freight Franchising, LLC (1353), Home & Appliance Outlet, LLC (n/a), American Freight Outlet Stores, LLC (9573), American Freight Franchisor, LLC (2123), Franchise Group Intermediate B, LLC (7836), Buddy’s Newco, LLC (5404), Buddy’s Franchising and Licensing LLC (9968), Franchise Group Intermediate V, LLC (5958), Franchise Group Newco V, LLC (9746), Franchise Group Intermediate BHF, LLC (8260), Franchise Group Newco BHF, LLC (4123), Valor Acquisition, LLC (3490), Vitamin Shoppe Industries LLC (3785), Vitamin Shoppe Global, LLC (1168), Vitamin Shoppe Mariner, LLC (6298), Vitamin Shoppe Procurement Services, LLC (8021), Vitamin Shoppe Franchising, LLC (8271), Vitamin Shoppe Florida, LLC (6590), Betancourt Sports Nutrition, LLC (0470), Franchise Group Intermediate PSP, LLC (5965), Franchise Group Newco PSP, LLC (2323), PSP Midco, LLC (6507), Pet Supplies “Plus”, LLC (5852), PSP Group, LLC (5944), PSP Service Newco, LLC (6414), WNW Franchising, LLC (9398), WNW Stores, LLC (n/a), PSP Stores, LLC (9049), PSP Franchising, LLC (4978), PSP Subco, LLC (6489), PSP Distribution, LLC (5242), Franchise Group Intermediate SL, LLC (2695), Franchise Group Newco SL, LLC (7697), and Educate, Inc. (5722). The Reorganized Debtors’ headquarters is located at 2371 Liberty Way, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23456.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that objections, if any, to the Application, must be made in accordance with the *Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Estate Professionals*, entered December 6, 2024 [Docket No. 353] (the “Interim Compensation Order”) and must be filed with the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court, 824 North Market Street, 3rd Floor, Wilmington, DE 19801, and be served upon the following, so as to be received by no later than **4:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) on July 24, 2025 (the “Objection Deadline”)**: (a) co-counsel for the Reorganized Debtors, (i) Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 601 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10022, Attn: Joshua A. Sussberg, P.C. (jsussberg@kirkland.com), Nicole L. Greenblatt, P.C. (nicole.greenblatt@kirkland.com), and Derek I. Hunter (derek.hunter@kirkland.com), Brian J. Nakhaimousa (brian.nakhaimousa@kirkland.com), and Maddison Levine (maddison.levine@kirkland.com); and (ii) Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP, Rodney Square, 1000 North King Street, Wilmington, DE 19801, Attn: Edmon L. Morton, Esq. (emorton@ycst.com) and Matthew B. Lunn, Esq. (mlunn@ycst.com); (b) counsel to the Creditors’ Committee, Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP, 919 North Market Street, 17th Floor, P.O. Box 8705, Wilmington, DE 19899, Attn: Bradford J. Sandler, Esq. (bsandler@pszjlaw.com) and Colin R. Robinson, Esq. (crobinson@pszjlaw.com), and 780 Third Avenue, 34th Floor, New York, NY 10017, Attn: Robert J. Feinstein, Esq. (rfeinstein@pszjlaw.com), Alan J. Kornfeld, Esq. (akornfeld@pszjlaw.com), and Theodore S. Heckel, Esq. (theckel@pszjlaw.com); (c) the U.S. Trustee, J. Caleb Boggs Federal Building, 844 King Street, Suite 2207, Lockbox 35, Wilmington, DE 19801, Attn: Timothy J. Fox, Esq. (timothy.fox@usdoj.gov); (d) counsel to the DIP Agent, Seward & Kissel LLP, One Battery Park Plaza, New York, NY 10004, Attn: Gregg Bateman, Esq. (bateman@sewkis.com), Sagar Patel, Esq. (patel@sewkis.com), and Michael Danenberg, Esq. (danenberg@sewkis.com); (e) counsel to the DIP Lenders and Ad Hoc Group, (i) Paul Hastings LLP, 200 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10166, Attn: Jayme Goldstein, Esq. (jaymegoldstein@paulhastings.com), Jeremy

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if any responses or objections to the Application are timely filed, served, and received in accordance with this notice, a hearing on the Application will be held at the convenience of the Bankruptcy Court. Only those objections made in writing and timely filed and received in accordance with the Interim Compensation Order and the procedures described herein will be considered by the Bankruptcy Court at such hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to the Interim Compensation Order, if no objection to the Application is timely filed, served, and received by the Objection Deadline, the Reorganized Debtors will be authorized to pay 80% of the requested fees and 100% of the requested expenses without further order of the Bankruptcy Court.

Dated: July 3, 2025
Wilmington, Delaware

/s/ Allison S. Mielke

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